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Dear MOU Partners:

Sent via email only

Re: Proposal for DEQ-lead, early in-water cleanup work at Willamette Cove and River Mile 11 east

This letter is to follow up on the discussion we had at our last Technical Coordinating Team meeting regarding an important development related to potential expedited in-water remedial design and cleanup plans recently discussed between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

As discussed in the Portland Harbor Memorandum of Agreement, EPA leads the in water work, with ODEQ leading the upland source control and cleanup efforts. Our two agencies have always worked closely to coordinate these actions. Recently, both agencies have been engaged in facilitated discussions to improve our coordination, which have been very successful to date.

We've recently discussed ideas for ODEQ to complement their upland source control efforts through early planning, design and post-ROD cleanup activities at two key in-water areas in the Portland Harbor Site: Willamette Cove and River Mile 11E. ODEQ chose these areas based on a variety of factors, including known environmental and public health concerns, overall cleanup sequencing, progress of source control, and their experience with Zidell Marine's cleanup. After reviewing these proposals, the EPA agrees that the overall cleanup at the site will benefit from positioning the Willamette Cove and RM 11E cleanup to be fully designed shortly after the EPA issues its ROD so that these cleanups can proceed first. The early design and timely post-ROD cleanups at these locations will lead to quicker action at the remainder of the Portland Harbor Site.

As partners to the PH MOU, the EPA and ODEQ are interested in your feedback. The EPA and ODEQ staff met with the Technical Coordinating Team earlier this week and provided substantial detail on the DEQ proposal. Your input on this proposal is important to ensure we develop a process that is efficient, comprehensive and inclusive.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about this letter at (206) 553-6523 or Kevin Parrett at DEQ at 503-229-5567.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lori Cohen".

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